

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 21, 1995**

**DIRECTION TO STAFF TO COMPOSE LETTER OF OPPOSITION REGARDING REMOVAL OF  
WOODBIDGE DAM**

Council, on motion of Council Member Sieglock, Warner second, directed staff to compose a letter of opposition for the Mayor's signature to be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding their recommendation to remove Woodbridge Dam, with copies of the letter routed to Assemblyman Bowler and Senator Johnston; and further directed staff to invite U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service representatives to participate in a public hearing in the City of Lodi, by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members - Davenport, Pennino, Sieglock, Warner  
and Mann (Mayor)

Noes: Council Members - None

Absent: Council Members - None

Speaking in support of a letter of opposition from the Council were the following:

1. Bob Johnson, representing Lodi Parks and Recreation Commission.
2. Mary Miller, 710 Willow Glen Drive, Lodi.
3. Jerry Adams, representing Rivergate/Mokelumne Homeowners Association
4. Carrie Brown, Lodi District Chamber and Government Review Committee.
5. John Donadi, 1217 Edgewood Drive, representing the Willow Glen Property Owners Association.

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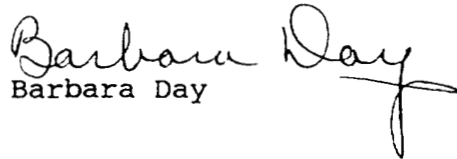
Dear Sir:

Please save the Woodbridge Dam. I have lived in the Lodi area for 61 years and there has never been any problem with fish spawning and going back up the Mokelumne River due to the Woodbridge Dam. I realize that this issue is due to someone just wanting to get more water from the river for their own use. Please do not allow this to happen. As my nephew reflected, "Lodi Lake is the only decent, beautiful, and fun place that Lodi has ever had."

**PLEASE SAVE WOODBRIDGE DAM!**

Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Barbara Day

S. Capps Hoshour  
184 Rivergate Place  
Lodi, California 95240

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LEONARD M. PERAIN  
CITY CLERK

June 28, 1995

Mayor Steve Mann  
221 West Pine  
Lodi, California 95240

Dear Mister Mayor:

Down through the ages the earth has witnessed the extinction of probably hundreds of thousands of species of flora and fauna, and mankind has managed to survive and to appreciate that which nature did not remove. It is with no pride that we recall the near extinction of the buffalo and many other species simply because they got in the way. While I can on occasion support the efforts of environmentalists I do believe that sometimes it appears they will not be satisfied until the earth returns to its natural state before the arrival of man.

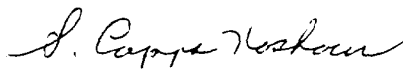
I wonder if this excessive view is manifested in the proposal to destroy the Woodbridge dam near Lodi. That thousands of acres of productive farmland and vineyards will be destroyed and the livelihood of those who till those fields destroyed, or that in defense of their crops they drill more wells, thus lowering even further an endangered ground water table and invite salination that just as surely will destroy their crops as lack of surface irrigation water; that beautiful Lodi Lake will be filled in and become playgrounds and baseball diamonds with a parallel elimination of jobs and marked decrease in the value of homes people worked hard to obtain and take pride and pleasure in; that all of these negatives will become reality because some dedicated but misdirected souls want to destroy a dam to increase the numbers of some fish would be absolutely ludicrous if the proponents were not serious.

Is the Mokelumne the only California river that anadromous fish use? Does their migration stop at the Comanche dam? Why not tear down the Shasta Dam, Pardee, New Hogan, New Melones, Oroville dams and all other man made dams in California, send all residents packing who cannot be supported by natural watersheds, and let the state return to the near desert state it used to be? Let the fish and all other wildlife dictate policy instead of the politicians and developers (which really might not be a bad idea at that). Then without all of the swimming pools, especially those in Southern California (many of which are filled with Northern California water), perhaps a few more people could be allowed to stay.

C'mon, let's get real. As preposterous as the above suggestion is, so is the proposal to demolish the Woodbridge dam. There are compromises. If the dams in this state do not have effective fish ladders or other devices to facilitate the upstream migration of fish, why don't they? Cannot the fish that are the cause of concern be protected? Cannot the snow runoff in the spring be increased? If the fish using the Mokelumne do not increase, does this mean that they are in equal danger in most or all other rivers? And finally, measured against the negatives that destruction of the dam will cause, truly, how important is it that the Mokelumne fish increase in numbers?

Please use whatever influence you have to see that the proposal gets well acquainted with a paper shredder. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "S. Capps Hoshour".

S. Capps Hoshour

CHESTER M. LOCKE  
P. O. Box 84  
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CITY CLERK  
LODI, CALIF.

U.S. Fish and Wild Life Service  
2800 Cottage Way  
Room E-1831  
Sacramento, CA 95825

Gentlemen:

Your recent trial balloon about removing Woodbridge dam should get the reaction it deserves.

The Lodi Lake is one of the mainstays of the town's recreation program, not to mention the back-yard of numerous homes, as well as the water supply for 4000 acres of economically important vineyards and diversified farms.

Your position seems to indicate that there isn't the engineering available to construct suitable fish ladders to allow full passage of upstream headed fish if the present ones aren't doing the job. It is not a high dam.

People will work together to solve reasonable problems, but won't take easily to government edicts of "this is the way it's going to be". Why else have the recent elections indicated: "We have had our fill of dictatorial government!"

Sincerely yours,

*Chester M. Locke*

Chester M. Locke

cc: Lodi News Sentinel  
Stockton Record  
Lodi District Chamber of Commerce

June 24, 1995

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express my concern about the removal of the Woodbridge Dam.

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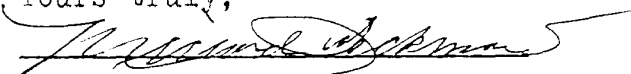
My grandfather, George V. Beckman contracted many years ago to put in the ditches to various farms for irrigation purposes. He and others did so with teams of mules and a Fresno Scraper to scoop out the dirt and construct levees. The Lake was privately owned by several people before the City of Lodi purchased it. My father, Sherwood Beckman used to rent the Lake bottom for sheep pasture. Years later he served as President and Board Member of the Woodbridge Irrigation District.

The Lake is formed because of the Dam and has been an excellent recreational facility for Lodi and the surrounding area for many years. The Dam also is a flood control measure for the Mokelumne River - one of the many reasons it was built. It also makes irrigation possible for many farmers. Now that there is a real drop in the level of ground water because of the long drought, it is even more important to maintain.

Our family has been concerned with the Woodbridge Irrigation problems for many years. My father was on the Chamber of Commerce Water and Irrigation Committee and also the Water Commission for the State of California. He helped fight for many years to keep the riparian rights and water rights to the Mokelumne River water, which was granted by the State of California.

To remove this dam because it might be possible to increase the fish population seems completely wrong.

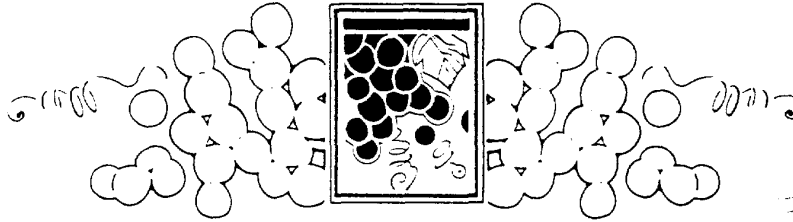
Yours truly,

  
Millard W. Beckman

135 South Fairmont Ave.

Lodi, California 95240

# Lodi District Grape Growers Association, Inc.



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June 20, 1995

Mayor Steve Mann  
221 West Pine Street  
Lodi, CA 95240

Dear Mr. Mann,

The Lodi District Grape Growers Association represents over 600 winegrape growers in this region, and speaks for an industry that presently includes over 45,000 acres. Clearly, the local winegrape industry, generating more than \$150 million annually, is of vital importance to this area.

On behalf of the membership of the Association, I wish to express my concern over the proposal to remove Woodbridge Dam to improve anadromous fish populations. The proposal would eliminate the ability of the Woodbridge Irrigation District to provide irrigation water to 400 farmers on the west side of Lodi, many of which farm over 4,000 acres presently in grape production. Removal of the dam would force these growers, and many others, to install new wells and pumps, causing further depletion of the already overdrawn underground aquifers.

Apart from providing irrigation water, WID serves the entire community of Lodi by keeping saltwater intrusion from contaminating our wells. Surface water applied to the ground filters down to the watertable. It is this continued recharge that keeps Lodi residents from experiencing the same saltwater contamination that has infected many wells in Stockton.

Removing the dam at Woodbridge would be a serious mistake. It would have consequences that would affect Lodi residents and surrounding farmland. I urge you to join with us and oppose this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Thomas Hoffman, President

June 20. 1995

Steve Mann Lodi Mayor  
221 W. Pine St.  
Lodi, CA 95240

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JENNIFER M. FERRIN  
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RE: Anadromous Fish and Restoration in the Central Valley

Dear Mr. Mann

We have read about the Study you are conducting on anadromous fish. It is our understanding that as a part of this Study, you are recommending that the Woodbridge Dam be removed in order to facilitate an increase in anadromous fish in the Central Valley. This proposal has at least three adverse impacts on the City of Lodi.

FIRST is the economic impact on the grape industry in the Lodi/Woodbridge region. At the present time over 4,000 acres of vines are being irrigated in this region. In 1994, the gross value of the grape industry and related industries in San Joaquin County was over 152 million dollars. According to two recent studies, the Bank of America Economic Study and the U.C. Berkeley Economic Study, 30% of our total local economy and 30% of all local jobs in the County are derived from Agriculture, including the wine/grape industry. Agriculture, and especially the grape industry, is one of the major economic and job producing industries in Lodi.

The proposal to remove the Woodbridge Dam would have a devastating economic impact on the business community in Lodi. Any proposal that jeopardizes 30% of the local economy as well as 30% of local jobs must be subjected to rigorous scrutiny, and if it cannot be supported by clear and convincing evidence as to its necessity, it must be rejected. I am opposed to any proposal that would produce such economic devastation to Lodi.

The SECOND major impact is on local property values. In Lodi, there is a premier residential community, which is situated on the Mokelumne River. Home owners have invested substantial sums to purchase these exclusive homes, which provide a unique quality of life because they are situated on the river. If the Woodbridge Dam is removed, these home owners would experience drastic reductions in their property values because their backyards would be converted to a large unsightly mudhole. Also, the real estate industry in Lodi would also experience an adverse economic impact as a result of the proposal to remove the Woodbridge Dam.

The THIRD major impact of the proposal to remove the Woodbridge Dam is the virtual destruction of Lodi Lake, which is fed by the waters of the Mokelumne River. Lodi Lake is the main outdoor gathering place for the Lodi community. It is unique to the Lodi Park System, because it is the only lake in the park system.

IF the Woodbridge Dam is removed, Lodi loses an irreplaceable recreation and community resource. Although its economic impact may be less than the ones mentioned above, its impact on the quality of life in this community cannot be emphasized enough.

We wish to state our opposition to the proposal to remove the Woodbridge Dam. Removal of the Dam would cause major adverse economic impacts to the grape industry, local property owners and the loss of a major recreation resource in Lodi Lake. For all these reasons, WE OPPOSE the recommendations to remove Woodbridge Dam.

Cordially,

*Dannella Sammel*  
*Shirley O. Sammel*



5749 Kile Road  
Lodi, California 95242  
June 26, 1995

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Mayor Steve Mann  
221 W. Pine St.  
Lodi, California 95240

Dear Mayor Mann:

**In reference to the proposal to remove Woodbridge Dam:**

I am absolutely against it! Removing Woodbridge Dam would affect farming as well as Lodi city water services. Not only would farmers have to contend with the stiff regulations in digging wells, but it would also accelerate the depletion of the underground water table. In addition, this move would greatly harm the many recreational benefits of Lodi Lake park.

There must be another way to encourage the growth of the fish population.

Sincerely, *Josephine Howard*

Josephine Howard (Grape Grower)

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LARRY BOWLER  
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July 6, 1995

U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE  
2800 Cottage Way  
Room E-1831  
Sacramento, CA 95825

Re: Woodbridge Dam, Lodi, California

Gentlemen:

I would like to convey my emphatic disapproval and dismay with your recent study that proposes, in part, the destruction of the Woodbridge Dam to enhance anadromous fish populations.

Local feedback I have received on your proposal ranges from a keen displeasure with the irreplaceable loss of Lodi Lake, a unique recreational resource, described by one resident as Lodi's "Crown Jewel"; the potential crippling effect upon local agriculture, including 4,000 acres of vineyards, which constitute one third of the local economy, and the corresponding devaluation of lakeside and riverfront real estate, built to predominantly feature the waterway.

As an agency of the government empowered with the important management and preservation of our natural resources and wildlife, you are entrusted with an awesome responsibility. It is incumbent upon you, therefore, in conducting your duties and in submitting studies and proposals, such as this one, to act in an equitable fashion.

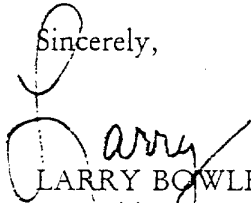
Understand that the impact of your decision will profoundly effect the Lodi community. I implore you to reasonably weigh the benefits and burdens, to both the environment and the public, of your actions.

Those of us in government are obligated to "serve the public", we must endeavor to keep the public good foremost in our minds. On the behalf of the citizens of Lodi, I beseech you to consider the adverse impact that removing Woodbridge Dam would have on the local community.

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Woodbridge Dam Letter

Thank you for your time and careful consideration of my input on this most important matter. Please contact me should you wish to discuss it further.

Sincerely,

  
LARRY BOWLER  
Assemblyman  
10th District

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cc: Lodi City Councilmembers  
Lodi Chamber of Commerce  
Lodi Board of Realtors

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July 7, 1995

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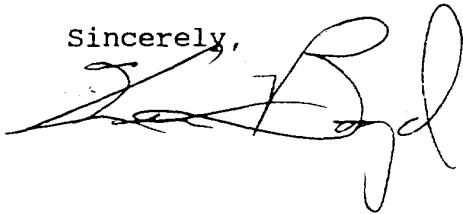
Mr. Roger Dunn  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
2800 Cottage Way  
Sacramento, Ca 95825

Dear Mr. Dunn:

Your proposal to remove the 100 year old Mokelumne River dam at Woodbridge surely must be a flight of fancy for the department. No measurable benefit has been offered and great harm to the economic and social life of this community would occur. The lake is the summertime center piece for recreation in the area and water behind the dam filling canals provide irrigation to fully one third of the areas farmland. Weighed against the unsupported and unprovable allegation that fish count would increase, only one sensible action seems possible. Leave the dam alone. Don't try to fix what is not broken or leave us to cope with the Departments misjudgment. This system has functioned well for 100 years to the benefit of agriculture, recreation and Fish and Game.

Leave the dam alone.

Sincerely,



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JENNIFER H. PERRY  
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Kirk N. Robinson  
Robinson Development  
249 Royal Oaks Court  
Lodi, CA 95240-0551  
(209) 369-1932

July 7, 1995

Attention: Roger Dunn  
US Fish & Wildlife Service  
2800 Cottage Way Room E-1831  
Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Mr. Dunn:

As a concerned home owner, property owner and business owner in the city of Lodi, I would like to voice my vehement protest to the dismantling of the Woodbridge Dam.

The Mokelumne River is the jewel of Lodi. Without it, property values here would dramatically decrease and Lodi would suffer a very substantial negative impact on its total economic picture. Industry in Lodi consists mainly of farming/agriculture, which would greatly diminish without the water provided by the Woodbridge Dam. The entire San Joaquin Valley would definitely suffer financially and economically and the resulting ripples would be felt in ever-widening circles.

Perhaps it does not bear mentioning that my childhood memories are filled with pictures of wonderful days at the Mokelumne, nor that my children now greatly enjoy its benefits, and that I have always imagined that my grandchildren would also.

I realize that we must consider the safety and continued existence of each and every specie of fish and other wildlife in our immediate area and far-reaching areas, but I feel that the benefits provided by the Woodbridge Dam for the community near the Mokelumne River far, far outweigh the possibly negative effects on any one specie of wildlife.

Please consider my voice along with other letters you have received and will receive as standing in favor of keeping the Woodbridge Dam as it has been for so many years. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Kirk N. Robinson

cc: Rep R.Pombo, Sen P.Johnston, Assmn L.Bowler, Co Sup G.Barber, Lodi Mayor S.Mann

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Craig J. Schmidt  
344 Robin Lane  
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July 7, 1995

Attention: Roger Dunn  
US Fish & Wildlife Service  
2800 Cottage Way Room E-1831  
Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Mr. Dunn:

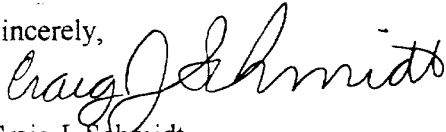
I have recently become aware of the proposal for dismantling the Woodbridge Dam. Both my wife and myself have lived in and around the city of Lodi all of our lives, as did our parents and families. I am greatly concerned about the effect on the entire area from this unbelievable proposal.

The agriculture in Lodi would suffer greatly without the water provided by the Woodbridge Dam. Prices of grapes and therefore wines and all other types of crops would rise immediately because of increased water costs to the farmers. Property values would go down immediately because there would no longer be water-front property along the Mokelumne River. Our cherished Lodi Lake, where we have spent countless days picnicing, boating, waterskiing, etc., would be non-existent. I wonder if you have personally visited our city? Are you personally involved in the area which would be directly affected by the proposal?

I challenge you to come to our area with your family, to stop by a roadside stand to purchase some of the fruits and vegetables grown in our area for a picnic, to visit Lodi Lake and to walk along the Mokelumne River in the Wilderness Area there, observing the people and the wildlife side by side benefitting from the increased water flow provided by the Woodbridge Dam. These benefits are very substantial and should be heavily weighed in considering this proposal.

Please consider my voice along with other letters you have received and will receive as standing in favor of keeping the Woodbridge Dam as it has been for so many years. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Craig J. Schmidt

cc: Rep R. Pombo, Sen P. Johnston, Assmn L. Bowler, Co Sup G. Barber,  
Lodi Mayor S. Mann

REPLY TO:

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July 14, 1995

Mr. H. Dale Hall  
Assistant Regional Director  
Ecological Services, Region 1  
U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
911 N.E. 11th Avenue  
Portland, Oregon, 97232

In Re: PROGRAM WORKING PAPER ON ADADROMOUS FISH RESTORATION  
PROGRAM OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT IMPROVEMENT ACT

Dear Mr. Hall:

This refers to the above referenced Working Paper, with specific emphasis on your memorandum of April 27, 1995 which addressed "reasonable efforts" considerations in the development of this program.

First of all, I am disappointed as the State Senator representing the region that will be effected by this Program that my office was not informed of this Project from its inception, although numerous notices of meetings were sent to other Interested Parties.

I am now in possession of copies of the Working Paper developed by the restoration program's Core Group (U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, National Marine Fisheries Service, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, California Department of Fish and Game and the California Department of Water Resources).

This Working Paper sets forth a number of proposed restoration action relative to increasing the survival of salmonid life stages in the lower Mokelumne River. Of particular note is Proposed Action No. 7 (set forth in Volume III, pages 3-xc-70,71), which outlines as an option the removal of the Woodbridge Dam.

Such an option is simply unacceptable. Such action would be bad public policy based on bad science.

An example of such bad science is contained in the Working Paper itself. As a justification for the removal of the Woodbridge Dam the paper states, "...in Spring 1993, striped bass were attracted to the base of the Woodbridge Dam (EBMUD 1994). Based on analysis of striped bass stomach contents, diver surveys, EBMUD biologist estimate that between 11 to 51% of the 1993 salmon smolt production was lost to striped bass predation (Boyd 1994)."

Using a one year survey with a 40% estimate spread of fish loss is not by any acceptable standards of biological research, good science.

Also, in the same section the report states that Predicted benefits (emphasis in report) of removal of the Woodbridge Dam would be the "entire" elimination of predation problems and that such elimination would improve salmonid smolt survival by 10%.

There is no scientific support, in the Working Paper, for such a conclusion. Furthermore, it is puzzling how one can extrapolate a "10% improvement" as a benefit sufficient to justify the removal of a dam that has been on the Mokelumne River for 100 years.

A bit of history is in order. Since the Woodbridge Dam was constructed there have been numerous historical records of "teeming" salmon spawnings on the Mokelumne well east of the Woodbridge Dam. These accounts preceded the construction of the Camanche and Pardee Dams by the East Bay Municipal Utility District.

It is therefore difficult to attribute the decline in salmon to the presence of the Woodbridge Dam.

The Woodbridge Dam is an integral part of the irrigation canal system operated by the Woodbridge Irrigation District. It provides irrigation water to 4,000 acres of vineyards in the area.

The removal of the dam would also result in the elimination of Lodi Lake Park, since the lake is a created by the Woodbridge Dam. This Park is a virtual oasis for Lodians and other residents of San Joaquin County.

Although representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have stated that Action Item No.7, along with other Action Items, are merely part of a Working Paper that has not been adopted, I urge your prompt deletion of Item No. 7 from further consideration.

It is ill-conceived and ill-advised.



If there are further public hearings on this project I wish to be informed of such, as well as kept advised of any changes or recommendations in the Working Paper.

Sincerely yours,

PATRICK JOHNSTON  
FIFTH SENATE DISTRICT

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cc:  
Mr. Marty Kjelson  
Sacramento/San Joaquin  
Estuary Fishery Resource Office  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
4001 N. Wilson Way  
Stockton, California

Mr. Roger Dunn  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
Restoration Program  
2800 Cottage Way, Rm E-1831  
Sacramento, California

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RIVERGATE OKELUMNE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION 333-6792

June 21, 1995

Fish and Wildlife Service  
2800 Cottage Way, Room E-1831  
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To whom it may concern:

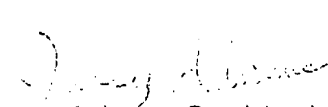
As President of the Rivergate-Mokelumne Homeowners Association I am writing on behalf of our association to STRONGLY PROTEST your proposal to remove the Woodbridge Dam.

This action will dramatically affect water levels to a subdivision of homes which have been on the Mokelumne River for years and have a lagoon waterway which is fed by the Mokelumne River. The removal of the Woodbridge Dam would reduce the lagoon area to a "large mud-hole". The net result would be loss of property values, damage to existing bulkheads and fountains, and an uncontrollable access point to the backyards of numerous homes. The inevitable standing water of lagoon drainage would create an attractive habitat for mosquitos, rodents and pests of several types.

The seventy-one homeowners of the Rivergate Mokelumne Homeowners Association urge your careful consideration of this matter and recommend the Woodbridge Dam be left intact!

If I can provide further assistance of information, please do not hesitate to call me at (209) 333-6726.

Sincerely,

  
Jerry Adams, President  
Rivergate Mokelumne Homeowners Association  
Lodi, CA 95240

cc: Representative Richard Pombo  
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Stockton, CA 95207

State Senator Pat Johnson  
31 E. Channel St. #440  
Stockton, CA 95202

Assemblyman Larry Bowler  
10370 Old Placerville #106  
Sacramento, CA 95827

Supervisor George Barber  
222 E. Weber, Room 701  
Stockton, CA 95202

City of Lodi Mayor Steve Mann  
221 W. Pine St.  
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JENNIFER M. FERRARI  
CITY CLERK

Friday, June 16, 1995

Mayor Steve Mann  
221 W. Pine Street  
Lodi CA 95240

Dear Steve:

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service' proposal to remove Woodbridge Dam is absurd.

It is a way of life for area residents, and we will not tolerate such a proposal.

Sincerely,

*Bob Andersen*

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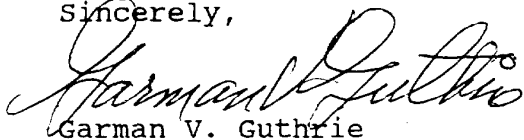
Dear Mr. Mann:

I find it hard to believe the Fish and Wildlife Service, or anyone else for that matter, could possibly think up such a completely absurd idea as to do away with the Woodbridge Dam.

This is typical of the whole environmental movement, absolutely no concern for all the human beings that would be affected by this hair-brained scheme. The loss of water to irrigate thousands of acres of farmland and the lowering of the water table that thousands of people's very lives depend on would be totally devastating.

Which is more important--people or the fish, which may or may not be affected by the dam anyway?

Sincerely,



Garman V. Guthrie  
#1 - a resident of the area  
#2 - a farmer in the area  
11522 North Ham Lane  
Lodi, CA 95242

RIVERGATE OKELUMNE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

June 21, 1995

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To whom it may concern:

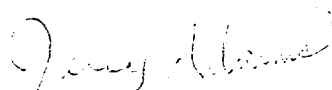
As President of the Rivergate-Mokelumne Homeowners Association I am writing on behalf of our association to STRONGLY PROTEST your proposal to remove the Woodbridge Dam.

This action will dramatically affect water levels to a subdivision of homes which have been on the Mokelumne River for years and have a lagoon waterway which is fed by the Mokelumne River. The removal of the Woodbridge Dam would reduce the lagoon area to a "large mud-hole". The net result would be loss of property values, damage to existing bulkheads and fountains, and an uncontrollable access point to the backyards of numerous homes. The inevitable standing water of lagoon drainage would create an attractive habitat for mosquitos, rodents and pests of several types.

The seventy-one homeowners of the Rivergate Mokelumne Homeowners Association urge your careful consideration of this matter and recommend the Woodbridge Dam be left intact!

If I can provide further assistance of information, please do not hesitate to call me at (209) 333-6726.

Sincerely,



Jerry Adams, President  
Rivergate Mokelumne Homeowners Association  
Lodi, CA 95240

cc: Representative Richard Pombo  
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Stockton, CA 95207

State Senator Pat Johnson  
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I feel it is important  
to keep Woodhull  
Dam. I appreciate its  
beauty, the faun, the  
maintain water level  
and sanctuary.  
Sincerely,  
Dorothea Vegg